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IVA N. BELL-WARD Plaintiff(s)	
(Write the full name of each plaintiff who is filing this complaint. If the names of all the plaintiffs cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.) -V-	Jury Trial: (check one) Yes No)))
TEXANS CAN ACADEMIES))
Defendant(s) (Write the full name of each defendant who is being sued. If the names of all the defendants cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.))))

COMPLAINT FOR EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION

I. The Parties to This Complaint

A. The Plaintiff(s)

Provide the information below for each plaintiff named in the complaint. Attach additional pages if needed.

Iva N. Bell-Ward
11411 Mosscrest Dr.
Houston, Harris Co.
Texas 77048
832-264-0870
inbward@yahoo.com

B. The Defendant(s)

Provide the information below for each defendant named in the complaint, whether the defendant is an individual, a government agency, an organization, or a corporation. For an individual defendant, include the person's job or title (if known). Attach additional pages if needed.

lant No. 1	
Name	Texans Can Academies
Job or Title (if known)	School
Street Address	325 W. 12th Street
City and County	Dallas, Dallas Co.
State and Zip Code	Texas 75208
Telephone Number	214-944-1985
E-mail Address (if known)	
lant No. 2	
Name	Texans Can Academies Unknown Board of Directors
Job or Title (if known)	Board of Directors
Street Address	325 W. 12 th Street
City and County	Dallas, Dallas County
State and Zip Code	Texas 75208
Telephone Number	214-944-1985
E-mail Address (if known)	
lant No. 3	
Name	
Job or Title (if known)	
Street Address	
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		Telephone Number	
		E-mail Address (if known)	
	C. 1	Place of Employment	
	7	The address at which I sought emplo	oyment or was employed by the defendant(s) is
		Name	Texans Can Academies.
		Street Address	9020 Gulf Freeway
		City and County	Houston, Harris County
		State and Zip Code	Texas 77017
		Telephone Number	832-379-4226
II.	Basis for	r Jurisdiction	
	This acti	on is brought for discrimination in	employment pursuant to (check all that apply):
	\boxtimes	Title VII of the Civil Righ	nts Act of 1964, as codified, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e to 2000e-17 (race,
	-	color, gender, religion, na	
		Note: In order to bring s	suit in federal district court under Title VII, you must first obtain a
			er from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.)
	\boxtimes	Age Discrimination in Em	aployment Act of 1967, as codified, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621 to 634.
			suit in federal district court under the Age Discrimination in at first file a charge with the Equal Employment Opportunity
		Americans with Disabiliti	es Act of 1990, as codified, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12112 to 12117.
			suit in federal district court under the Americans with Disabilities a Notice of Right to Sue letter from the Equal Employment)
		Other federal law (specify to	he federal law):
		Relevant state law (specify,	if known):
		Relevant city or county la	W (specify, if known):

III. Statement of Claim

Write a short and plain statement of the claim. Do not make legal arguments. State as briefly as possible the facts showing that each plaintiff is entitled to the damages or other relief sought. State how each defendant was involved and what each defendant did that caused the plaintiff harm or violated the plaintiff's rights, including the dates and places of that involvement or conduct. If more than one claim is asserted, number each claim and write a short and plain statement of each claim in a separate paragraph. Attach additional pages if needed.

A.	The discrimin	natory conduct of which	ch I compla	n in this action includes (check all that apply):	
		Failure to hire me.			
	\boxtimes	Termination of my	employme	nt.	
	\boxtimes	Failure to promote	me.		
		Failure to accomm	odate my d	sability.	
		Unequal terms and	l conditions	of my employment.	
	\boxtimes	Retaliation.			
		Other acts (specify):			
			ission can	sed in the charge filed with the Equal Employment be considered by the federal district court under the ation statutes.)	
B.	It is my best	recollection that the al	leged discri	minatory acts occurred on date(s)	
	May 2018, M	farch 2019, and contin	uing to Sep	tember 2019 when I was terminated.	
C.	I believe that	defendant(s) (check one	e):		
		is/are still commit	ting these ac	ts against me.	
	\boxtimes	is/are not still com	_	_	
D.	Defendant(s)	discriminated against	me based o	n my (check all that apply and explain):	
		race			
		color			
	\boxtimes	gender/sex	Female		
		religion			
		national origin			
	\boxtimes	age (year of birth)	1949	(only when asserting a claim of age discrimination.)	
	disability or perceived disability (specify disability)				
E.	The facts of a	my case are as follows	Attach ad	ditional pages if needed.	

I was terminated by Texans Can in September 2019. The claim was that I was terminated because of poor performance reports, but these reports were not presented to me until after I complained in March 2019 about not getting the Interventionist postion and continued to complain. There were other teachers in my department who were treated differently than I was in that I was more qualified than a younger male who was promoted to the Interventionist position that I also applied for. Prior to my termination, I had been a special education teacher at Texans Can for six years. I believe I was ultimately terminated because I continued to complain regarding not receiving the Interventionist position.

(Note: As additional support for the facts of your claim, you may attach to this complaint a copy of your charge filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or the charge filed with the relevant state or city human rights division.)

IV. Exhaustion of Federal Administrative Remedies

Α.	It is my best recollection that I filed a charge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or
	my Equal Employment Opportunity counselor regarding the defendant's alleged discriminatory conduct
	on (date)

	10/1/2019
B.	The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (check one):
	has not issued a Notice of Right to Sue letter.
	issued a Notice of Right to Sue letter, which I received on (date) 9/2/2020
	(Note: Attach a copy of the Notice of Right to Sue letter from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to this complaint.)
C.	Only litigants alleging age discrimination must answer this question.
	Since filing my charge of age discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission regarding the defendant's alleged discriminatory conduct (check one):
	60 days or more have elapsed.
	less than 60 days have elansed

V. Relief

State briefly and precisely what damages or other relief the plaintiff asks the court to order. Do not make legal arguments. Include any basis for claiming that the wrongs alleged are continuing at the present time. Include the amounts of any actual damages claimed for the acts alleged and the basis for these amounts. Include any punitive or exemplary damages claimed, the amounts, and the reasons you claim you are entitled to actual or punitive money damages.

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Requesting actual damages in the amount of \$120,000 for lost wages, additional pay opportunities over 18 months and pain and suffering (depression and stress) in the amount of \$25,000 totalling \$145,000.

VI. Certification and Closing

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, by signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that this complaint: (1) is not being presented for an improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; (2) is supported by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Rule 11.

A. For Parties Without an Attorney

I agree to provide the Clerk's Office with any changes to my address where case-related papers may be served. I understand that my failure to keep a current address on file with the Clerk's Office may result in the dismissal of my case.

	Date of signing: 11/28/2020
	Signature of Plaintiff Anh Que Ward
	Printed Name of Plaintiff Iva N. Bell-Ward (Pro Se)
В.	For Attorneys
	Date of signing:
	Signature of Attorney
	Printed Name of Attorney
	Bar Number
	Name of Law Firm
	Street Address
	State and Zip Code
	Telephone Number
	E-mail Address

EEOC Form 212-A (3/	98)	-2124					
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	Iva Ward	v	TEXAS CAN ACADEMIES				
	Charging Party		Respondent				
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		Name of FE	EPA Date of Receipt				
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660C Form 5 (1109)					
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Named is the Employer, Labor Organization, Employment Agency, Apprenticeship Discriminated Against Me or Others. (If more than two, list under PARTICULARS	p Committee or 5 below)	State or Lo	ocal Governmen	1 Agenc	y That I Believe
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I want this charge filed with both the EEOC and the State or local Agency, if any I will advise the agencies if I change my address or phone number and I will cooperate fully with them in the processing of my charge in accordance with their procedures			for State and Loc		
I swear or affirm that I have read the above charge and that it is I deciste under penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct I swear or affirm that I have read the above charge and that it is the best of my knowledge, information and belief. SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT					
Sep 30, 2019 Ava Ward	SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS DATE (month, day, year)				
Date Charging Party Signature					

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The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the supplement the civil decket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS				DEFENDANTS			
IVA N. WARD-BELL, Pro Se				TEXANS CAN ACADEMIES			
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Harris Co. (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)				County of Residence of First Listed Defendant DALLAS Co. (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.			
(c) Attorncys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)				Attomeys (If Known) EICHELBAUM WARDELL P.C. 5801 Tennyson Parkway, Suite 360 Plano, Texas 75024			
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